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December 3, 2009

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Ex Parte

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication: In the Matter of Implementation of Section 224 of the Act; Amendment of the Commission's Rules and Policies Governing Pole Attachments, WC Docket No. 07-245; Petition for Declaratory Ruling of American Electric Power Service Corporation et al. Regarding the Rate for Cable System Pole Attachments Used to Provide Voice Over Internet Protocol Service, WC Docket No. 09-154; and In the Matter of a National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please accept this letter as notification, pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, that on December 2, 2009, Tom St. Pierre of American Electric Power Service Corporation, Allen Bell of Georgia Power Company (an operating company subsidiary of Southern Company), Michael D. Rosenthal and Holly Henderson of SouthernLINC Wireless (an affiliate of Southern Company), and the undersigned met separately with: (1) Christine Kurth, Policy Director & Wireline Counsel to Commissioner McDowell; and (2) Mr. Marcus Maher, Associate Bureau Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Mr. Jonathan Reel of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Mr. Thomas Koutsky of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis, and Mr. Elvis Strumbers of the Media Bureau.

During these meetings, the parties discussed: (1) the petition for declaratory ruling asking the Commission to clarify that the telecommunications rate for pole attachments applies to cable system attachments used to provide interconnected voice over internet protocol service; (2) the development of pole attachment regulations through the above-referenced proceedings, consistent with their written comments on the record; and (3) the fact that rural areas are largely served by cooperative and municipal electric utilities, not by investor-owned electric utilities. The parties provided the attached slides to facilitate the discussions. This notice has been filed in

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accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, and one electronic copy of this notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

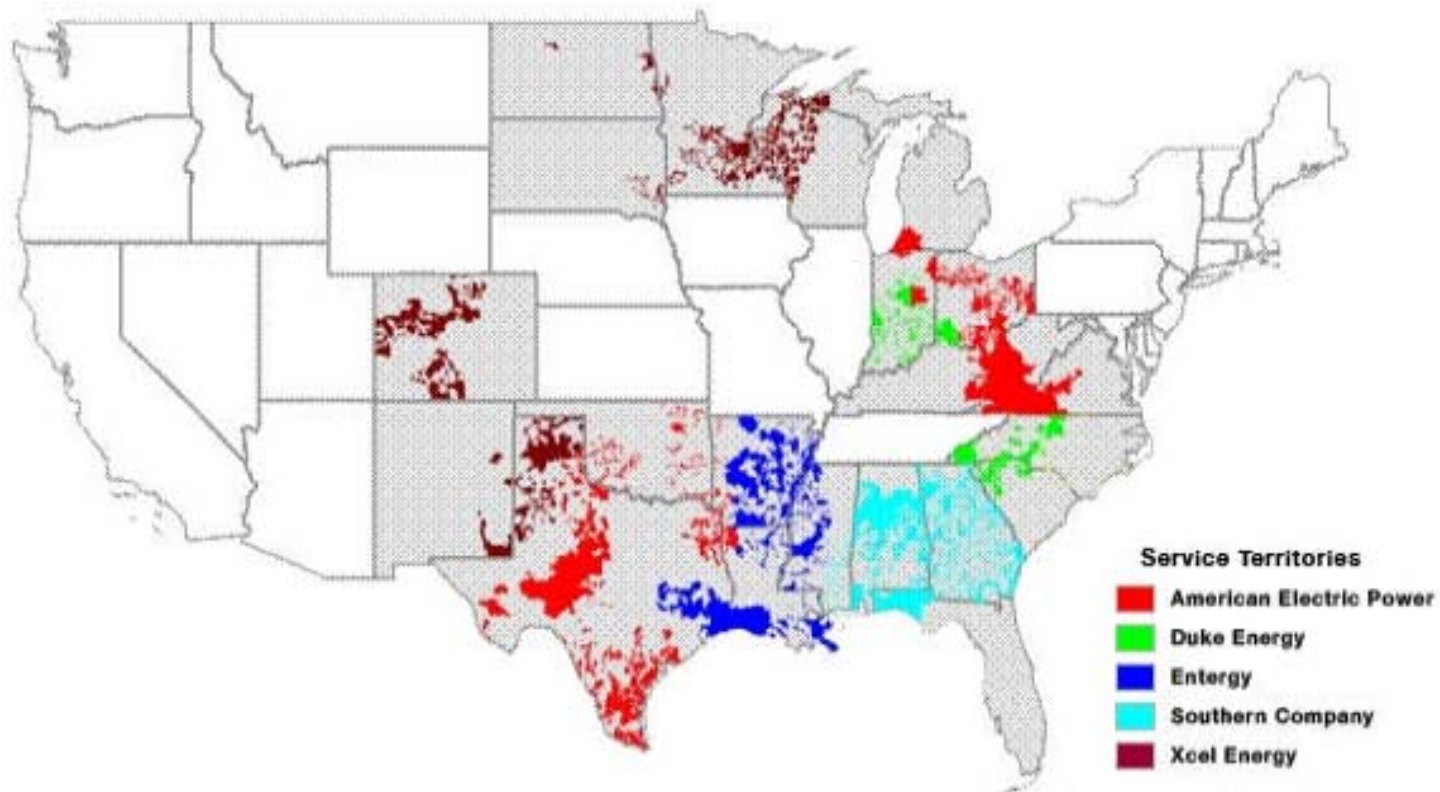
/s/Sean B. Cunningham  
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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Christine Kurth (via electronic mail)  
Mr. Tom Koutsky (via electronic mail)  
Mr. Marcus Maher (via electronic mail)  
Mr. Jonathan Reel (via electronic mail)  
Mr. Elvis Strumbers (via electronic mail)

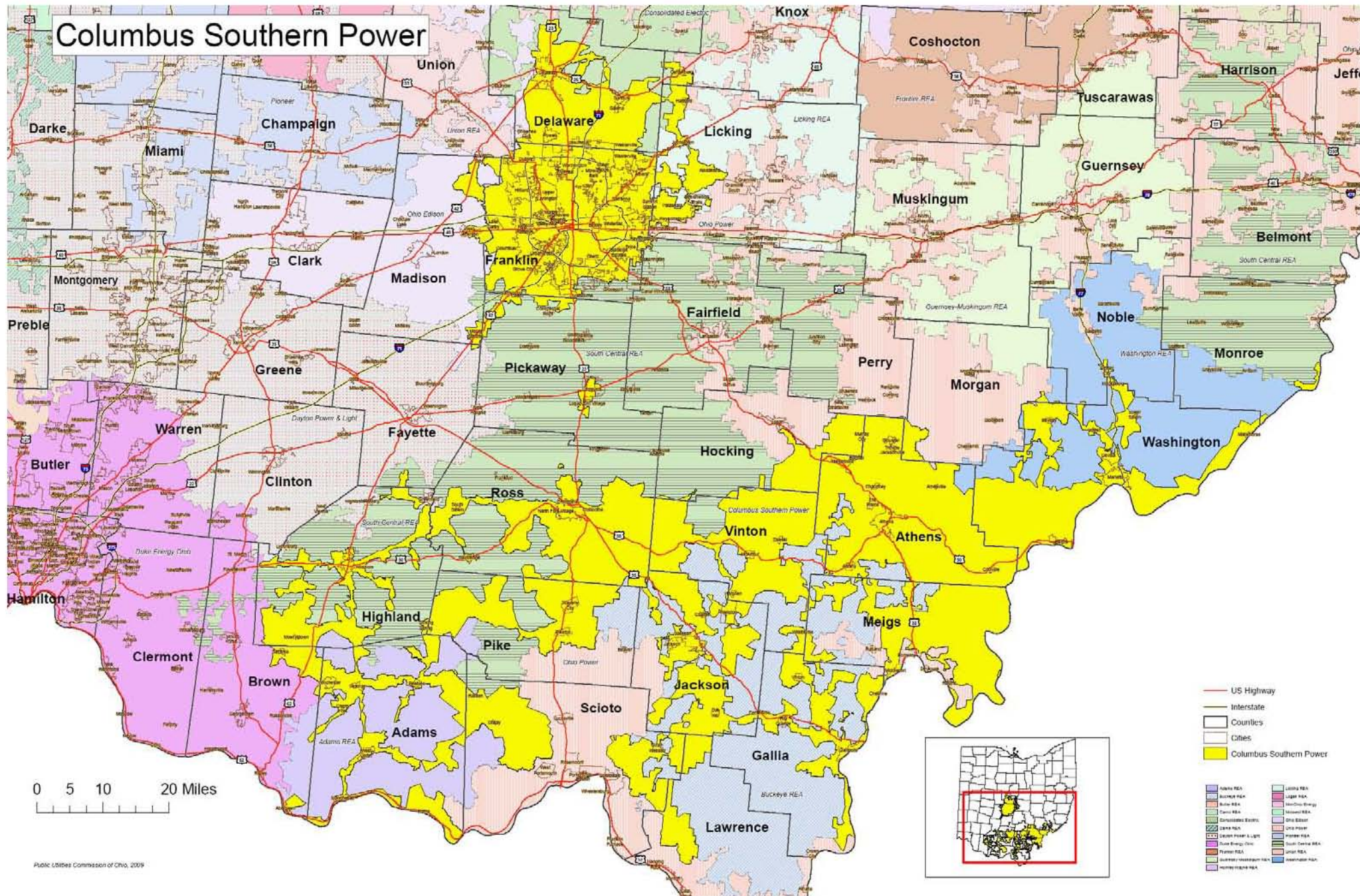
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**Service Areas: AEP, Duke Energy, Entergy,  
Southern Company, and Xcel Energy**

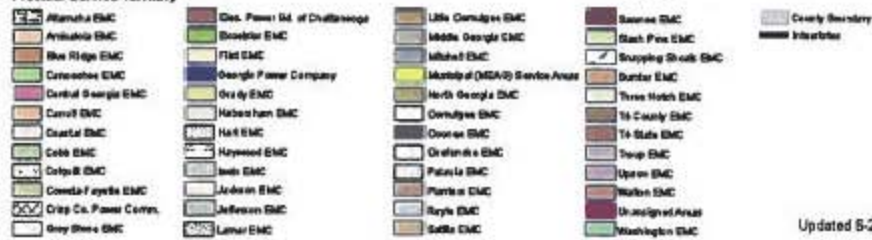




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